

Rangitikei Anglicans

Incorporating Marton, Bulls, Sanson,
Huntermville, Turakina, Greatford, Otairi and
TutuTotara

21st April 2024

The 4th Sunday of Easter

Te Rātapu Tuawhā o te Aranga

Sentence

'I am the good shepherd,' says the Lord. 'The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.' *John 10:11*

Collect Prayer

Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, heal us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit, where you reign one God for ever. **Amen.**

Readings this Sunday:

Acts 4: 5–12, Psalm 23,
1 John 3:16-24, John 10:11–18

Services in the Parish this week:

Sunday 21st April

8.00am Reflective Service – St Stephen's, Marton
9.30am Family Service – St Stephen's, Marton
9.30am Family Service – St Thomas', Sanson
6:00 pm, Touching the Father's Heart – St Stephen's, Marton

Wednesday 24th April

10.00am - Ecumenical service with Holy Communion
Towgood room, St Stephen's, Marton

Sunday 28th April

8.00am Reflective Service – St Stephen's, Marton
9.30am Family Service – St Stephen's, Marton
2.30pm A Family Church Service - Otairi

Other Events in the Parish

Monday: Woolly Blessings, Sanson 10am

Tuesday: Woolly Blessings, Marton 10am

Wednesday: Bible Study, Marton 11am

Thursday: ANZAC DAY

Friday: Bible Study, Marton 10am

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**All week** – Diocese Night prayer (zoom)  
9pm

## **Something to Reflect upon: -**

Jesus, in today's gospel, tells us that He is our good shepherd. In our part of the country, unlike many others, we are more able to envision a shepherd, what they do, and the nurturing love they can extend to their sheep. Jesus is our good shepherd who will give His very life for us, so that He can find and save us no matter how sinful we are. What have we done to merit this love and shepherding from Jesus? Nothing, we have even offended countless times; nevertheless, His infinite love and shepherding are always there for us.

We will sin for as long as we live in this world, but the infinite love of Jesus, our good shepherd, is always there for us. Let us therefore not be deaf to His search and longing for us. He wants us back in His loving and unconditional embrace.

Many of us linger in sinfulness; we purposely turn a blind eye to Jesus' search for us. But at what cost? For the cost of our own life? We would sin and continuously sin until it cost us our life. Jesus our good shepherd is knocking at the door of our hearts, let us open our hearts to Him.

Arohanui, Alison

**AGM Thanks:** Thank-you to those that took the time to attend our annual Financial, information giving AGM. It was great to have a full room of people and we can be encouraged by the improvement in the financial position of our Parish.

**Installation of Assistant Bishop of Wellington:** Rev. Ana Fletcher was installed as the Assistant Bishop of Wellington in a joyful, sacred, and colourful service last Saturday. Praise be to God for the great Leaders we have in the Diocese of Wellington. You can read more about this on: <https://anglicanmovement.nz/>

### ALPHA COURSE:



Following Pentecost, we will be running an alpha course in combination with the other churches in Marton, if you would like to help with this, or bring someone along. Please get in touch.

### THY KINGDOM COME:



Thy Kingdom Come (TKC) is a global ecumenical prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray from Ascension to Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus. There will be prayer events throughout this time. Please join in and have a look at the prayer activities in the hall at Stephen's every night from:

**Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> of May.**

**Thy Kingdom Come takes us from Ascension Day to Pentecost**

**CLEANER WANTED FOR ST JOHN THE BAPTIST'S CHURCH HUNTERVILLE:** Our Hunterville congregation are seeking a cleaner to clean in the Church and Hall once a month prior to the monthly service. We are looking for a volunteer, or this role could potentially be paid. Please mention this to anyone who may be interested in the Hunterville area. Please call the Parish Office for further information.

**ALL NOTICES MUST BE EMAILED TO THE OFFICE BEFORE 5:30 PM ON TUESDAYS TO BE INCLUDED.**

Together We Pray:

**Evening Prayer**

**9pm Mon to Sat**

Via zoom – [click here](#)

**Prayer Chain**

To join the prayer chain or add a prayer request,

Text Su on 027 577 1527

To receive emails with prayer requests: [bswells83@gmail.com](mailto:bswells83@gmail.com)

**Priest in Charge**

Rev Graham Conlon  
027 436 0924

[gconlon@me.com](mailto:gconlon@me.com)

**Parish Priests:**

Rev Alison Stewart 021 298 3143

[a.stewart@xtra.co.nz](mailto:a.stewart@xtra.co.nz)

Marton Reflective Service

Bulls, Huntley, 2iC

Rev Adrian Tofts 021 068 0550

Nga Tawa, Marton Family Service

**Assistant Priests:**

Rev Robin Peirce 06 327 5951

Wednesday Service

Turakina, Choir

Rev John Vickers 06 327 7280

Otairi

Rev John Sleep 022 406 8935

Hunterville

Rev Diana Howard

(on compassionate leave)

**Parish Deacon**

Rev Michelle Tofts 027 870 6023

Marton Family Service

**People's Warden**

Sue Wells 021 201 4483

**Parish Office:**

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